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Andy, Rick and all: FYI. --- Merlyn

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To: 'PIERCY Kitty'; Andrea.F.Ortiz@ci.eugene.or.us

Subject: Seneca Sustainable Energy Co-Generation Facility: Construction Permit

Dear Mayor Piercy and Councilor Ortiz:

This morning we issued the construction permit for the construction of Seneca Co-Generation LLC. I wanted to give you a heads-up before the announcement appeared in the media.

LRAPA went through an 8-month public process before making this decision. Hundreds of hours of staff time were invested in studying the application, writing the permit, and responding to over 300 comments. Many good points were made by residents and changes were made in to the permit in response. We feel the final product [permit] will ensure this facility will be the most tightly controlled of its kind in the Northwest and possibly in the entire country.

I know you are concerned, as I am, about issues surrounding environmental justice and potential impacts to specific communities. During discussions, I have acknowledged these are very important issues and are much larger than any individual project. LRAPA supports a community dialogue on environmental equity to ensure no one is disproportionately impacted by air pollution from industrial point sources, commercial and residential area sources, and mobile sources. These discussions align with LRAPA's goals and we'll work together with all stakeholder to find ways to ensure healthful air quality for all residents of Lane County.

On a related issue, LRAPA continues toward establishing a second air toxics monitoring site, probably in the west or north Eugene area, to complement the historical air toxics monitoring in south Eugene. Our plan is to monitor at both sites in 2010 but keep the monitoring cost revenue-neutral by doing no air toxics monitoring during the second half of 2009 (and the first half of 2011, if necessary for budget balancing).

As always, I am available for a conversation and will be happy to answer any questions you may have regarding the permit.

--- Merlyn

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